

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee
Computer Security Subcommittee

14 August 1979
DCASEC-CSS-M125

STAT 1. The one hundred and twenty-fifth meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee was held at 0930 on 19 July 1979 in the [redacted] McLean, VA. Attending were:

STAT [redacted] Chairman
STAT [redacted] Executive Secretary
[redacted] DIA
[redacted] CIA
STAT [redacted] Alternate
STAT Mr. Robert Graytock, Department of Justice
STAT [redacted] DCI Staff
STAT [redacted] NSA

2. The minutes of the 5 July 1979 meeting were read and approved as written.

STAT 3. [redacted] reported on the progress of the Essential Elements of Information (EEI's). The draft EEI's were coordinated with [redacted] (NSA), who agreed to the deletion of several leading questions. CIA reported that they have a file of [redacted] reports and have begun a program of "playing" the EEI's against these reports to see if it results in any [redacted] DIA stated that they possess similar files and should be able to report on the results of their investigations by the next meeting. There was no final vote on the EEI's, some of the agencies are still coordinating them in-house. It was agreed that final comments/concurrence would be submitted by the next meeting. The Executive Secretary will issue a reminder to the membership prior to the next scheduled meeting.

STAT 4. [redacted] (CIA) attended part of the Air Force Summer Studies Program [redacted] He reported that during the sessions on computer security technology, the industry representatives emphasized several points they felt were critical to the success of the DoD computer security initiative. They stated that the government needs clearly annunciated requirements; the requirements must be testable (one must be able to determine when its been done correctly); the government must demonstrate a serious intent to achieve its stated goals.

STAT 5. The chairman raised the question of technical seminars; does the subcommittee wish to sponsor seminars/symposia? [redacted] (DIA) suggested that there are already a sufficient number, some of which are sponsored by the Intelligence Community (e.g., IDHSC, WWMCCS, and DoDIIS). Thus, it appears that we could use these existing forums as appropriate.

Specifically, the DoDIIS Technical Conference would be an appropriate place to discuss proposed changes to DCID 1/16.

STAT 6. There was a short discussion of the request by Mr. Gambino, Chairman of SECOM, for a proposed amendment to DCID 1/11. The proposed change to the subcommittee's charter was presented by [] and was approved for forwarding to the SECOM. The procedure for amending the present policy documents will be as follows: Rewrite of DCID 1/11 and its amendment; coordination throughout the community; and rewrite of DCID 1/16.

STAT 7. The next issue discussed was the difficulty the [] committee is experiencing in determining the exact costs associated with the changing of codewords. This led to a discussion of the motivation for changing the present codewords and the mechanism for doing so (i.e., codewords were not originally designed for use in highly automated environments). It was suggested that the subcommittee could promulgate guidance/policy on how codewords are to be implemented and used in ADP systems. These discussions led to the observation that there is no community-wide control over codewords; each agency essentially invents and controls its own. The question also arose concerning the potential conflicts between various DCID's (6/3, 1/19) and the CISR, primarily with regard to labelling and marking requirements for automated systems and storage media. It was agreed that these need to be reviewed and the conflicts resolved, the goal being to have all such ADP requirements in a single document which could be referenced as required.

7. There was also a discussion of the need for better procedures and uniform standards, particularly in the area of contractor maintenance, installation, diagnostics, etc. The consensus was that the community desperately needs a set of uniform standards to apply to contractors; the present such documents are many, conflicting, and often incompatible, leading to confusion and inefficiency. Both CIA and DIA stated that they have manuals which address these issues, and will present them for the subcommittee's consideration, possibly to serve as the basis of a single government-wide document.

STAT 8. The next meeting was set for 0930 on 27 September 1979 at the []

STAT []
Executive Secretary
Computer Security Subcommittee